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Try to Link Pilot to Dallas Plot

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 27 (AP) —The Dallas Times Herald said in yesterday's editions that an investigator from the New Orleans district attorney's office was in Dallas last month to find out whether pilot David Ferrie was there when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Ferrie, found dead in his apartment last Wednesday, was identified by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison as a "key man" in his probe of the assassination.

Ferrie had reportedly said that Garrison believed he was to be the getaway pilot in an alleged conspiracy hatched in New Orleans that took Kennedy's life in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The Warren Commission said there was no conspiracy ıat the assassination was ork of one man, Lee Oswald.

ıwhile, in New Orleans, TV said in a newscast ay, it had learned two arrison investigators Dallas over the week- question a man who e a Cuban exile leader Orleans.

nan was identified as ırcachia, now a Dallas .

Gervitch and another ı investigator flew to in Gervitch's private WWL-TV said, met in the Dallas police ıut asked him no ques- ıen he requested the tion be conducted in the presence of Dallas detectives.

Arcachia, the report continued, said he was being legally represented by Asst. Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander of Dallas, who when questioned said he had only advised Arcachia of his rights after the man had told him Garrison was "hounding him" to go to New Orleans for questioning.

The New Orleans TV station said it had confirmed its information from Garrison, who appears to see a key link in the assassination between a Cuban exile group and Ferrie.

Fred Lenz, a mechanic at White Rock Airport in Dallas, said he told Garrison's investigator that he recalled having seen Ferrie in Dallas, but added that he "couldn't be sure of the date."

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Another mechanic at the same airport, Bobby Pike, said, "I thought at the time I was shown a picture of Ferrie (by the investigator) that I had seen the man. I couldn't remember when or where, but it has been some time ago."

Nelson Knight, a student pilot, told the Times Herald he accompanied the New Orleans investigator to several Dallas airports because the visitor did not know his way around.

Knight said the investigator carefully explained to each person he interviewed that he had three pictures of a man, and that he was "trying to establish if the man was in Dallas on a certain date."

Knight said the dates mentioned were Nov. 20-30, 1963.

Knight said the man interviewed about 30 persons at airports and took various pictures of the different fields.

Knight added that, of the people questioned, only Pike and Lenz indicated that they recognized Ferrie from the pictures.